



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

re the Application of:

**Kazuo OKADA**

Application No.: 10/697,082

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For: GAMING MACHINE

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Examiner: M. J. Thomasson

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

**I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits after filing the accompanying Request for Continued Examination under Rule 114 and in response to the final Office Action dated November 13, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Claims 4-12 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 4, 7 and 9 are amended.

**II. AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS**

(There are no amendments to the drawings)

**III. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

(There are no amendments to the specification)